

INITIATIVE 899

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 899 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to tobacco taxes; adding a new section to chapter
2 82.24 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 82.26 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to any other taxes imposed upon the sale, use,
7 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes under
8 this chapter, there is imposed a tax in an amount equal to the rate of
9 twenty cents per cigarette.

10 (2) All revenues collected during any month from this additional
11 tax under this section shall be distributed as follows:

12 (a) Fifty percent into the promise scholarship program under
13 chapter 28B.119 RCW;

14 (b) Twenty-five percent into smoking cessation programs approved by
15 the board; and

16 (c) Twenty-five percent to the board to be used only for the
17 enforcement of the tobacco laws.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.26 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) In addition to any other taxes imposed under this chapter,
4 there is levied and there shall be collected a tax upon the sale, use,
5 consumption, handling, or distribution of all tobacco products in this
6 state at the rate of ten percent of the wholesale sales price of the
7 tobacco products. This tax is imposed at the time the distributor:
8 (a) Brings, or causes to be brought, into this state from without the
9 state tobacco products for sale; (b) makes, manufactures, or fabricates
10 tobacco products in this state for sale in this state; (c) ships or
11 transports tobacco products to retailers in this state, to be sold by
12 those retailers; or (d) handles for sale any tobacco products that are
13 within this state but upon which tax has not been imposed.

14 (2) The money collected under this section shall be distributed as
15 follows:

16 (a) Fifty percent into the promise scholarship program under
17 chapter 28B.119 RCW;

18 (b) Twenty-five percent into smoking cessation programs approved by
19 the board; and

20 (c) Twenty-five percent to the board to be used only for the
21 enforcement of the tobacco laws.

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